

Sunnyside, Wash.

This is my fourth quarterly review of the work of the colony at Sunnyside, Wash. The wheel has gone once around. I came a year ago to establish a home in a new country and of course we have learned a thing or two. First, in a general way let me say that we are getting established at Sunnyside. It is becoming home. My family is falling in love with our fine climate, and becoming enwrapped with what appears as future possibilities. While some things are not as favorable as we expected, others are more favorable. There are now sixteen families who have been attracted to Sunnyside by the efforts of the promoters of the C. C. C. and their friends. Of these sixteen, first, W. T. Shoemaker was called to Nebraska on account of Mrs. Shoemaker's parents who are getting old and wished their only daughter to come and care for them. Second, W. Grubb and family were not looking for a rural home and after a month or two of residence at Sunnyside, engaged in the hardware business near Salem, Oregon. Third, the family of Brother Weybright was broken up by his sudden death, Sister W., having returned to her friends in Kans. Fourth, Brother Zumbum and family who lived a few weeks at Sunnyside, have taken up a temporary abode at Tacoma. So far as I know the remaining families are all well satisfied and hope to show in time that our fondest hopes of Sunnyside have been realized.

Now as to the past three months. Following closely the accident to our son Roy and the sudden death of Brother Weybright, came a fearful calamity in the home of brother C. E. Doty. He had called his son from Vernalis, Calif., and they had built a temporary house in which they inaugurated a new home in Washington. They were fencing their forty acres of land, when the father fell from a load of lumber and the wagon passed over him breaking one leg and throwing the other out of joint at the hip with some fracture of the bone there. Brother Doty is not rich in this world's goods but he is a man full of the spirit of the Master and has the credit of being the most patient sufferer the doctor has ever had. He has been under the very constant care of Dr. Gordon at the hospital in N. Yakima, and while his recovery has been very slow it now promises satisfactory results.

The weather of the past three months has been quite unusual. We looked for some hot weather of 4 to 6 weeks in July and August and so we had planned to take an outing in the mountains, but there was no occasion to leave. We even had a few light rains in August,—something that has not occurred for 15 or 20 years. While the cool weather gave us comfort it retarded the growth of most crops. Our remarkably windy spring continued into the summer, and this interfered with the seeding of alfalfa and other grasses. Notwithstanding this and some serious breaks in our water supply we now

have nearly all seeded and growing nicely that was originally undertaken.

Our gardens have done much better than we expected, and we believe we are all sure that next season we can raise about any thing we want in any quantities we may desire. We have learned in our first year that irrigation is quite a science. It is a place where you do not labor with your hands, but where your feet, your brains, too, work. A man who raised potatoes at Greeley, Colo., for 20 years told me before I came here that he had just mastered the problem, but raising potatoes under irrigation is probably the most critical of any product that is attempted. I have corn—only a few rows—that is estimated will yield at the rate of 50 bushels per acre, and it was irrigated only once after planting, while other corn that was irrigated a number of times will not go five bushels per acre. Brother Laird said we had put him into a hard place at Sunnyside. That before he gets done seeding his fifty acres he must commence to harvest at the place of beginning. By the way, he is congratulated by all as having accomplished a great deal in getting his 50 acres all into grass and cutting 10 acres of it the second time all the first season.

A number of our young people are now away packing fruit. Hop picking will be on next week and it makes a great outing. Many whole families go and besides the good time they say they have, they make nice

money. It is nothing unusual for a family to make five dollars a day. Mrs. Evans and her daughters 10 and 14 years old are fast pickers and they make \$7 per day. It is estimated by the hop growers' association at N. Yakima that they will pay out \$40,000 this year for picking. While our fruit crop is short, especially on peaches, yet great quantities are being shipped. We bought fine peaches at 2 to 4 cents a lb., which is a big price here. One grower has 70 acres of prunes that will yield him 45 car loads. They bring a big price this year. Another grower has 8 acres of pears that will bring him \$4,000 gross returns. Butter and eggs have practically not been below 20 cents. This is considered a good price whether one has butter to buy or sell.

Our church services, S. S. and C. E. continue to be well attended. Brother Seyvasant, who lives in an adjoining county, was here and preached a week, recently, for our German Baptist brethren, and assisted in the organization of a new church at Sunnyside, with Eld. D. B. Eby as the "ruling" elder.

While we have been made sad by the death of one of our best members, we are rejoicing with brother Ed Blough and wife in the advent of a new daughter,—the first birth in the colony.

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